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AN ACT CONVERTING THE MUNICIPALITY OF MEYCAUAYAN IN
THE PROVINCE OF BULACAN INTO A COMPONENT CITY TO
BE KNOWN AS THE CITY OF MEYCAUAYAN

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in
Congress assembled:*

ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1 SECTION 1. *Title.* – This Act shall be known as the “Charter of the City
2 of Meycauayan”.

3 SEC. 2. *The City of Meycauayan.* – The Municipality of Meycauayan
4 shall be converted into a component city to be known as the City of
5 Meycauayan, hereinafter referred to as the City, which shall comprise the
6 present jurisdiction of the Municipality of Meycauayan, Province of Bulacan,
7 over which it has jurisdiction, bounded on the southeast by the City of
8 Caloocan, the Municipality of Valenzuela and Malinta Estate; on the
9 southwest, by the Municipality of Obando; on the northwest, by the

1 Municipality of Bulacan; and on the north, by the municipalities of Bocaue and
2 Marilao, all in the Province of Bulacan.

3 The foregoing provision shall be without prejudice to the resolution by
4 the appropriate agency or forum of existing boundary disputes or cases
5 involving questions of territorial jurisdiction between the City of Meycauayan
6 and the adjoining local government units: *Provided, however,* That the
7 territorial jurisdiction of the disputed area or areas shall remain with the local
8 government unit which has existing administrative supervision over said area
9 or areas until the final resolution of the case.

10 SEC. 3. *Corporate Powers of the City.* – The City constitutes a
11 political body corporate and as such is endowed with the attributes of
12 perpetual succession and possessed of the powers which pertain to a municipal
13 corporation to be exercised in conformity with the provision of this Charter.
14 The City shall have the following corporate powers:

- 15 (a) To have a continuous succession in its corporate name;
- 16 (b) To sue and be sued;
- 17 (c) To have and use a corporate seal;
- 18 (d) To acquire, hold and convey real or personal property;
- 19 (e) To enter into any contracts and/or agreements; and
- 20 (f) To exercise such other powers, prerogatives or authority subject to
21 the limitations provided in this Act or laws.

22 SEC. 4. *General Powers.* – The City shall have a common seal and
23 may alter the same at pleasure. It shall exercise the powers to levy taxes; to
24 close and open roads, streets, alleys, parks or squares; to take, purchase,
25 receive, hold, lease, convey and dispose of real and personal property for the
26 general interests of the City; to expropriate or condemn private property for
27 public use; to contract and be contracted with; to sue and be sued; to prosecute
28 and defend to final judgment and execution suits wherein the City is involved

1 or interested in; and to exercise all the powers as are granted to corporations or
2 as hereinafter conferred.

3 SEC. 5. *Liability for Damages.* – The City and its officials shall not be
4 exempt from liability for death or injury to persons or damage to property.

5 SEC. 6. *Jurisdiction of the City.* – The jurisdiction of the City of
6 Meycauayan, for police purposes only, shall be coextensive with its territorial
7 jurisdiction and for the purpose of protecting and ensuring the purity of the
8 water supply of the City, such police jurisdiction shall also extend over all the
9 territory within the drainage area of such water supply, or within one hundred
10 meters (100 m.) of any reservoir, conduit, canal, aqueduct or pumping station
11 used in connection with the city water service.

12 The city court of the City of Meycauayan shall have concurrent
13 jurisdiction with the city or municipal court of the adjoining municipalities or
14 cities to try crimes and misdemeanors committed within said drainage area or
15 within said spaces of one hundred meters (100 m.). The court first taking
16 cognizance of such an offense shall have jurisdiction to try said cases to the
17 exclusion of the other courts. The police force of several municipalities and
18 cities concerned shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the police of the City
19 for the maintenance of good order and the enforcement of ordinances
20 throughout said zone, area or spaces shall be granted by the proper authorities
21 of the city or municipality concerned, and the fees arising therefrom shall
22 accrue to the treasury of the said city or municipality concerned and not to the
23 City.

24 ARTICLE II

25 CITY OFFICIALS IN GENERAL

26 SEC. 7. *The Officials of the City of Meycauayan.* – (a) There shall be
27 in the City of Meycauayan a city mayor, a city vice mayor, sangguniang
28 panlungsod members, a secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod, a city

1 treasurer and an assistant city treasurer, a city assessor and an assistant city
2 assessor, a city accountant, a city budget officer, a city planning and
3 development coordinator, a city engineer, a city health officer, a city civil
4 registrar, a city administrator, a city legal officer, a city social welfare and
5 development officer, a city veterinarian and a city general services officer;

6 (b) In addition thereto, the city mayor may appoint an environment and
7 natural resources officer, a city architect, a city information officer, a city
8 cooperatives officer, a city population officer and a city agriculturist;

9 (c) There shall be established in the City a city fire station to be headed
10 by a city fire marshal, a city jail to be headed by a city jail warden and a city
11 school division to be headed by a city school division superintendent;

12 (d) The City of Meycauayan may:

13 (1) Maintain existing offices not mentioned in subsections (a) and (b)
14 hereof;

15 (2) Create such other offices as may be necessary to carry out the
16 purposes of the City; or

17 (3) Consolidate the functions of any office with those of another in the
18 interest of efficiency and economy.

19 (e) Unless otherwise provided herein, heads of departments and offices
20 shall be appointed by the city mayor with the concurrence of the majority of all
21 the members of the sangguniang panlungsod, subject to civil service law, rules
22 and regulations. The sangguniang panlungsod shall act on the appointment
23 within fifteen (15) days from the day of its submission, otherwise the same
24 shall be deemed confirmed.

25 ARTICLE III

26 THE CITY MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR

27 SEC. 8. *The City Mayor.* -- The city mayor shall be the chief executive
28 of the City. He shall be elected at large by the qualified voters of the City. No

1 person shall be eligible for the position of city mayor unless at the time of the
2 election: he is at least twenty-three (23) years of age; an actual resident of the
3 City for at least one year prior to his election; and a qualified voter therein. He
4 shall hold office for three years, unless sooner removed, and shall receive a
5 minimum monthly compensation corresponding to salary grade thirty (30) as
6 prescribed under Republic Act No. 6758, otherwise known as the Salary
7 Standardization Law, and the implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

8 The city mayor, as the chief executive of the city government, shall
9 exercise such powers and perform such duties and functions as provided
10 herein:

11 (a) Exercise those powers expressly granted to him by law, those
12 necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate or
13 incidental for the efficient and effective governance of the City and those
14 which are essential to the promotion of general welfare;

15 (1) Determine the guidelines of city policies and be responsible to the
16 sangguniang panlungsod for the program of government;

17 (2) Direct the formulation of the city development plan with the
18 assistance of the city development council and, upon approval thereof by the
19 sangguniang panlungsod, implement the same;

20 (3) Present the program of government and propose policies and
21 projects for the consideration of the sangguniang panlungsod at the opening of
22 the regular session of the sangguniang panlungsod every calendar year and as
23 often as may be deemed necessary as the general welfare of the inhabitants and
24 the needs of the city government may require;

25 (4) Initiate and propose legislative measures to the sangguniang
26 panlungsod and, as often as may be deemed necessary, provide such
27 information and data needed or requested by said sanggunian in the
28 performance of its legislative functions;

1 (5) Appoint all officials and employees whose appointments are not
2 otherwise provided for in this Act, as well as those he may be authorized by
3 law to appoint;

4 (6) Represent the City in all its business transactions and sign on its
5 behalf all bonds, obligations and contracts, and such other documents upon
6 authority of the sangguniang panlungsod or pursuant to law or ordinance;

7 (7) Carry out such emergency measures as may be necessary during
8 and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

9 (8) Determine the time, manner and place of payment of salaries or
10 wages of the officials and employees of the City, in accordance with law or
11 ordinance;

12 (9) Allocate and assign office space to the City and other officials and
13 employees who, by law or ordinance, are entitled to such space in the city hall
14 and other buildings owned or leased by the city government;

15 (10) Ensure that all executive officials and employees of the City
16 faithfully discharge their duties and functions as provided by law and this Act,
17 and cause to be instituted administrative or judicial proceedings against any
18 official or employee of the City who may have committed an offense in the
19 performance of his official duties;

20 (11) Examine the books, records and other documents of all offices,
21 officials, agents or employees of the City and, in aid of his executive powers
22 and authority, require all national officials and employees stationed in or
23 assigned to the City to make available to him such books, records and other
24 documents in their custody except those classified by law as confidential;

25 (12) Furnish copies of executive orders issued by him to the Office of
26 the President and the Office of the Secretary of the Interior and Local
27 Government within seventy-two (72) hours after their issuance;

1 (13) Visit component barangays of the City at least once every six
2 months to deepen his understanding of problems and conditions, listen and
3 give appropriate counsel to local officials and inhabitants of general laws and
4 ordinances which especially concern them, and otherwise conduct visits and
5 inspections to ensure that the governance of the City will improve the quality
6 of life of the inhabitants;

7 (14) Act on leave applications of officials and employees appointed by
8 him and the commutation of the monetary value of their leave credits in
9 accordance with law;

10 (15) Authorize official trips of city officials and employees outside of
11 the City for a period not exceeding thirty (30) days: *Provided*, That the trips
12 abroad or for a longer period may be authorized in accordance with the Local
13 Government Code;

14 (16) Call upon any national official or employee stationed in or
15 assigned to the City to advise him on matters affecting the City and to make
16 recommendations thereon; coordinate with said officials and employees in the
17 formulation and implementation of plans, programs and projects; and, when
18 appropriate, initiate an administrative or judicial action against a national
19 government official or employee who may have committed an offense in the
20 performance of his official duties while stationed in or assigned to the City;

21 (17) Authorize payment for medical care, necessary transportation,
22 subsistence, hospital or medical fees of city officials and employees who are
23 injured while in the performance of their official duties and functions, subject
24 to availability of funds;

25 (18) Solemnize marriages, any provision of law to the contrary
26 notwithstanding;

1 (19) Conduct an annual palamong panlungsod which shall feature
2 traditional sports and disciplines included in national and international games,
3 in coordination with the Department of Education; and

4 (20) Submit to the provincial governor the following reports: an
5 annual report containing a summary of all matters pertinent to the
6 management, administration and development of the City and all information
7 and data relative to its political, social and economic conditions; and
8 supplemental reports when unexpected events and situations arise at any time
9 during the year, particularly when man-made or natural disasters or calamities
10 affect the general welfare of the City.

11 (b) Enforce all laws and ordinances relative to the governance of the
12 City and in the exercise of its appropriate corporate powers, as well as
13 implement all approved policies, programs, projects, services and activities of
14 the City and, in addition, shall:

15 (1) Ensure that the acts of the City's component barangays and of its
16 officials and employees are within the scope of their prescribed powers, duties
17 and functions;

18 (2) Call conventions, conferences, seminars or meetings of elective or
19 appointive officials of the City, including national officials and employees
20 stationed in or assigned to the City, at such time and place and on such subject
21 as he may deem important for the promotion of the general welfare of the local
22 government unit and its inhabitants;

23 (3) Issue such executive orders for the faithful and appropriate
24 enforcement and execution of laws and ordinances;

25 (4) Be entitled to carry the necessary firearms within his territorial
26 jurisdiction;

27 (5) Act as the deputized representative of the National Police
28 Commission, formulate the peace and order plan of the City and, upon its

1 approval, implement the same; and as such exercise general and operational
2 control and supervision over the police forces in the City in accordance with
3 Republic Act No. 6975, otherwise known as the Philippine National Police
4 Law; and

5 (6) Call upon the appropriate law enforcement agencies to suppress
6 disorder, riot, lawless violence, rebellion or sedition, or apprehend violators of
7 the law when public interest so requires and the city police forces are
8 inadequate to cope with the situation or the violators.

9 (c) Initiate and maximize the generation of resources and revenues, and
10 apply the same to the implementation of development plans, program
11 objectives and priorities, particularly those resources and revenues
12 programmed for agro-industrial development and countryside growth and
13 progress, and relative thereto, shall:

14 (1) Require each head of an office or department to prepare and submit
15 an estimate of appropriations for the ensuing calendar year, in accordance with
16 the provisions of Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local
17 Government Code of 1991;

18 (2) Prepare and submit to the sanggunian for approval the executive
19 and supplemental budgets of the City for the ensuing calendar year in the
20 manner provided for under the Local Government Code;

21 (3) Ensure that all taxes and other revenues of the City are collected
22 and that city funds are applied to the payment of expenses and settlement of
23 obligations of the City, in accordance with law or ordinance;

24 (4) Issue licenses and permits and suspend or revoke the same for any
25 violation of the conditions upon which said licenses or permits had been issued
26 pursuant to law or ordinance;

27 (5) Issue permits without need of approval therefor from any national
28 agency, for the holding of activities for any charitable or welfare purpose,

1 excluding prohibited games of chance or shows contrary to law, public policy
2 and public morals;

3 (6) Require owners of illegally constructed houses, buildings or other
4 structures to obtain the necessary permit, subject to such fines and penalties as
5 may be imposed by law or ordinance, or to make necessary changes in the
6 construction of the same when said construction violates any law or ordinance,
7 or to order the demolition or removal of said house, building or structure
8 within the period prescribed by law or ordinance;

9 (7) Adopt adequate measures to safeguard and conserve land, mineral,
10 forest, marine and other resources of the City;

11 (8) Provide efficient and effective property and supply management in
12 the City, and protect the funds, credits, rights and other properties of the City;
13 and

14 (9) Institute or cause to be instituted administrative or judicial
15 proceedings for violation of ordinances in the collection of taxes, fees or
16 charges, and for the recovery of funds and property; and cause the City to be
17 defended against all suits to ensure that its interests, resources and rights shall
18 be adequately protected.

19 (d) Ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate
20 facilities and, in addition thereto:

21 (1) Ensure that the construction and repair of roads and highways
22 funded by the national government shall be, as far as practicable, carried out in
23 a spatially contiguous manner and in coordination with the construction and
24 repair of the roads and bridges of the City; and

25 (2) Coordinate the implementation of technical services, including
26 public works and infrastructure programs, rendered by national offices.

27 (e) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
28 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the

1 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
2 ordinance.

3 SEC. 9. *The City Vice Mayor.* – There shall be a city vice mayor who
4 shall be elected in the same manner as the city mayor and shall, at the time of
5 his election, possess the same qualifications as the city mayor. He shall hold
6 office for three years, unless sooner removed and shall receive a monthly
7 compensation corresponding to salary grade twenty-six (26) as prescribed
8 under the Salary Standardization Law and the implementing guidelines issued
9 pursuant thereto.

10 (a) The city vice mayor shall:

11 (1) Be the presiding officer of the sangguniang panlungsod and sign
12 all warrants drawn on the city treasury for all expenditures appropriated for the
13 operation of the sangguniang panlungsod;

14 (2) Subject to *civil service law, rules and regulations, appoint all*
15 *officials and employees of the sangguniang panlungsod, except those whose*
16 *manner of appointment is specifically provided for under existing laws;*

17 (3) Assume the office of the city mayor for the unexpired term of the
18 *latter in the event of permanent vacancy;*

19 (4) Exercise the powers and perform the duties and functions of the
20 city mayor in cases of temporary vacancy; and

21 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
22 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
23 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
24 ordinance.

25 ARTICLE IV

26 THE SANGGUNIANG PANLUNGSOD

27 SEC. 10. *Composition.* – (a) The sangguniang panlungsod, the
28 legislative body of the City, shall be composed of the city vice mayor as

1 presiding officer, ten (10) regular sanggunian members, the president of the
2 city chapter of the liga ng mga barangay, the president of the panlungsod na
3 pederasyon ng mga sangguniang kabataan and the sectoral representatives, as
4 members.

5 (b) In addition thereto, there shall be three sectoral representatives:
6 one from the women; and, as shall be determined by the sangguniang
7 panlungsod within ninety (90) days prior to the holding of the local elections,
8 one from the agricultural or industrial workers; and one from the other sectors,
9 including the urban poor or disabled persons.

10 (c) The regular members of the sangguniang panlungsod and the
11 sectoral representatives shall be elected in the manner as may be provided for
12 by law.

13 SEC. 11. *Powers, Duties, Functions and Compensation.* – (a) The
14 sangguniang panlungsod, as the legislative body of the City, shall enact
15 ordinances, approve resolutions and appropriate funds for the general welfare
16 of the City and its inhabitants pursuant to Section 16 of the Local Government
17 Code and in the proper exercise of the corporate powers of the City as
18 provided for under Section 22 of the Local Government Code, and shall:

19 (1) Approve ordinances and pass resolutions necessary for an efficient
20 and effective city government, and in this connection, shall:

21 (i) Review all ordinances approved by the sangguniang barangay and
22 executive orders issued by the punong barangay to determine whether these are
23 within the scope of the prescribed powers of the sanggunian and of the punong
24 barangay;

25 (ii) Maintain peace and order by enacting measures to prevent and
26 suppress lawlessness, disorder, riot, violence, rebellion or sedition and impose
27 penalties for the violation of said ordinances;

1 (iii) Approve ordinances imposing a fine not exceeding Five thousand
2 pesos (P5,000.00) or an imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year, or
3 both, at the discretion of the court, for violation of a city ordinance;

4 (iv) Adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the City from the
5 harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities, and to provide
6 relief services and assistance for victims during and in the aftermath of said
7 disasters or calamities and in their return to productive livelihood following
8 said events;

9 (v) Enact ordinances intended to prevent, suppress and impose
10 appropriate penalties for habitual drunkenness in public places, vagrancy,
11 mendicancy, prostitution, establishment and maintenance of houses of
12 ill-repute, gambling and other prohibited games of chance, fraudulent devices
13 and ways to obtain money or property, drug addiction, maintenance of drug
14 dens, drug pushing, juvenile delinquency, the printing, distribution or
15 exhibition of obscene or pornographic materials or publications, and such
16 other activities inimical to the welfare and morals of the inhabitants of the
17 City;

18 (vi) Protect the environment and impose appropriate penalties for acts
19 which endanger the environment, and such other activities which result in
20 pollution acceleration or eutrophication of rivers or of ecological imbalance;

21 (vii) Subject to the provision of the Local Government Code and the
22 pertinent laws, determine the powers and duties of officials and employees of
23 the City;

24 (viii) Determine the positions and the salaries, wages, allowances and
25 other emoluments and benefits of officials and employees paid wholly or
26 mainly from city funds and provide for expenditures necessary for the proper
27 conduct of programs, projects, services and activities of the city government;

1 (ix) *Authorize the payment of compensation to a qualified person not*
2 *in the government service who fills up a temporary vacancy in a concurrent*
3 *capacity at the rate authorized by law;*

4 (x) *Provide a mechanism and the appropriate funds therefor to ensure*
5 *the safety and protection of all city government property, public documents or*
6 *records such as those relating to property inventory, land ownership, record of*
7 *births, marriages, deaths, assessments, taxation, accounts, business permits and*
8 *such other records and documents of public interest in the offices and*
9 *departments of the government;*

10 (xi) *When the finances of the city government allow, provide for*
11 *additional allowances and other benefits to judges, prosecutors, public*
12 *elementary and high school teachers, and other national government officials*
13 *stationed in or assigned to the City;*

14 (xii) *Provide legal assistance to barangay officials who, in the*
15 *performance of their official duties or on the occasion thereof, have to initiate*
16 *judicial proceedings or defend themselves against legal actions; and*

17 (xiii) *Provide for group insurance or additional insurance coverage for*
18 *all barangay officials, including members of barangay tanod brigades and other*
19 *service units, with public or private insurance companies, when the finances of*
20 *the city government allows said coverage.*

21 (2) *Generate and maximize the use of resources and revenues for the*
22 *development plans, program objectives and priorities of the City, with*
23 *particular attention to agro-industrial development and city-wide growth and*
24 *progress, and relative thereto, shall:*

25 (i) *Approve the annual and supplemental budgets of the city*
26 *government and appropriate funds for specific programs, projects, services and*
27 *activities of the City, or for other purposes not contrary to law, in order to*
28 *promote the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants;*

1 (ii) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government
2 Code and the applicable laws and upon the majority vote of all the members of
3 the sangguniang panlungsod, enact ordinances *levying taxes, fees and charges,*
4 *prescribing the rates thereof for general and specific purposes, and granting tax*
5 *exemption, incentive or relief;*

6 (iii) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government
7 Code and upon the majority vote of all the members of the sangguniang
8 panlungsod, authorize the city mayor to negotiate and contract loans and other
9 forms of indebtedness;

10 (iv) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government
11 Code and applicable laws and upon the majority vote of all the members of the
12 sangguniang panlungsod, enact ordinances authorizing the floating of bonds or
13 other instruments of indebtedness for the purpose of raising funds to finance
14 development projects;

15 (v) Appropriate funds for the construction and maintenance or the
16 rental of buildings for the use of the City and upon the majority vote of all the
17 members of the sangguniang panlungsod, authorize the city mayor to lease to
18 private parties such public buildings held in a proprietary capacity, *subject to*
19 *existing laws, rules and regulations;*

20 (vi) Prescribe reasonable limits and restraints on the use of property
21 *within the jurisdiction of the City;*

22 (vii) Adopt a comprehensive land use for the City;

23 (viii) Reclassify lands within the jurisdiction of the City, subject to the
24 pertinent provisions of the *Local Government Code;*

25 (ix) Enact integrated zoning ordinances in consonance with the
26 approved comprehensive land use plan, subject to existing laws, rules and
27 regulations; *establish fire limits or zones, particularly in populous centers, and*

1 regulate the construction, repair or modification of buildings within said fire
2 limits or zones in accordance with the provisions of the *Fire Code*;

3 (x) Subject to national law, process and approve subdivision plans for
4 residential, commercial or industrial purposes and other development
5 purposes, and to collect processing fees and other charges, the proceeds of
6 which shall accrue entirely to the City: *Provided, however*, That where
7 approval of a national agency or office is required, said approval shall not be
8 withheld for more than thirty (30) days from receipt of the application. Failure
9 to act on the application within the period stated above shall be deemed as
10 approved thereof;

11 (xi) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government
12 Code, control fishing and related activities within the city rivers and waters;

13 (xii) With the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) of all the
14 members of the sangguniang panlungsod, grant tax exemptions, incentives or
15 relief to entities engaged in community growth-inducing industries, subject to
16 the provisions of the Local Government Code;

17 (xiii) Grant loans or provide grants to other local government units or
18 to national, provincial and city charitable, benevolent or educational
19 institutions: *Provided*, That said institutions are operated and maintained
20 within the City;

21 (xiv) Regulate the numbering of residential, commercial and other
22 buildings; and

23 (xv) Regulate the inspection, weighing and measuring of articles of
24 commerce.

25 (3) Subject to the provisions of Book II of the Local Government
26 Code, enact ordinances granting franchises and authorizing the issuance of
27 permits or licenses, upon such conditions and for such purposes intended to

1 promote the general welfare of the inhabitants of the City and pursuant to this
2 legislative authority, shall:

3 (i) Fix and impose reasonable fees and charges for all services
4 rendered by the city government to private persons or entities;

5 (ii) Regulate or fix license fees for any business or practice of
6 profession within the City and the conditions under which the license for said
7 business or practice of profession may be revoked and enact ordinances
8 levying taxes thereon;

9 (iii) Provide for and set the terms and conditions under which public
10 utilities owned by the City shall be operated by the city government, and
11 prescribe the conditions under which the same may be leased to private
12 persons or entities, preferably cooperatives;

13 (iv) Regulate the display of and fix the license fees for signs,
14 signboards or billboards at the place or places where the profession or business
15 advertised thereby is, in whole or in part, conducted;

16 (v) Any law to the contrary notwithstanding, authorize and license the
17 establishment, operation and maintenance of cockpits, and regulate
18 cockfighting and commercial breeding of gamecocks: *Provided*, That existing
19 rights should not be prejudiced;

20 (vi) Subject to the guidelines prescribed by the Department of
21 Transportation and Communications, regulate the operation of tricycles and
22 grant franchises for the operation thereof within the territorial jurisdiction of
23 the City; and

24 (vii) Upon approval by a majority vote of all the members of the
25 sangguniang panlungsod, grant a franchise to any person, partnership,
26 corporation or cooperative to do business within the City; establish, construct,
27 operate and maintain ferries, wharves, markets or slaughterhouses; or
28 undertake such other activities within the City as may be allowed by existing

1 laws: *Provided*, That cooperatives shall be given preference in the grant of
2 such franchise.

3 (4) Regulate activities relative to the use of land, buildings and
4 structures within the City in order to promote the general welfare and, for said
5 purpose, shall:

6 (i) Declare, prevent or abate any nuisance;

7 (ii) With the concurrence of a majority of the members of the
8 sangguniang panlungsod, a quorum being present, deny the entry of legalized
9 gambling by ordinance into any part of the City or regulate its location in the
10 City;

11 (iii) Require that buildings and the premises thereof and any land
12 within the City be kept and maintained in a sanitary condition; impose
13 penalties for any violation thereof; or, upon failure to comply with said
14 requirement, have the work done at the expense of the owner, administrator or
15 tenant concerned; and require the filling up of any land or premises to a grade
16 necessary for proper sanitation;

17 (iv) Regulate the disposal of clinical and other wastes from hospitals,
18 clinics and other similar establishments;

19 (v) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of cafes,
20 restaurants, beerhouses, hotels, motels, inns, pension houses, lodging houses
21 and other similar establishments, including tourist guides and transports;

22 (vi) Regulate the sale, giving away or dispensing of any intoxicating
23 malt, *vino*, mixed or fermented liquors at any retail outlets;

24 (vii) Regulate the establishment and provide for the inspection of steam
25 boilers or any heating device in buildings and the storage of inflammable and
26 highly combustible materials within the City;

27 (viii) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of any
28 entertainment or amusement facilities, including the theatrical performances,

1 circuses, billiard pools, public dancing schools, public dance halls, sauna
2 baths, massage parlors and other places for entertainment or amusement;
3 regulate such other events or activities for amusement or entertainment,
4 particularly those which tend to disturb the community or annoy the
5 inhabitants, or require the suspension or suppression of the same; or prohibit
6 certain forms of amusement or entertainment in order to protect the social and
7 moral welfare of the community;

8 (ix) Provide for the impounding of stray animals; regulate the keeping
9 of animals in homes or as part of a business, and the slaughter, sale or
10 disposition of the same; and adopt measures to prevent and penalize cruelty to
11 animals; and

12 (x) Regulate the establishment, operation and maintenance of funeral
13 parlors and the burial or cremation of the dead, subject to existing laws, rules
14 and regulations.

15 (5) Approve ordinances which shall ensure the efficient and effective
16 delivery of the basic services and facilities as provided for under the Local
17 Government Code and, in addition to said services and facilities, shall:

18 (i) Provide for the establishment, maintenance, protection and
19 conservation of tree parks and greenbelts;

20 (ii) Establish markets, slaughterhouses or animal corrals and authorize
21 the operation thereof by the city government; and regulate the construction and
22 operation of private markets, talipapas or other similar buildings and
23 structures;

24 (iii) Authorize the establishment, maintenance and operation by the
25 city government of ferries, wharves and other structures intended to accelerate
26 productivity related to marine life in the preservation thereof;

1 (iv) Regulate the preparation and sale of meat, poultry, fish,
2 vegetables, fruits, fresh dairy products and other foodstuffs for public
3 consumption;

4 (v) Regulate the use of streets, avenues, alleys, sidewalks, bridges,
5 parks and other public places and approve the construction, improvement,
6 repair and maintenance of the same; establish bus and vehicle stops and
7 terminals or regulate the use of the same by privately-owned vehicles which
8 serve the public; regulate garages and operation of conveyances for hire;
9 designate stands to be occupied by public vehicles when not in use; regulate
10 the putting up of signs, signposts, awnings and awning posts on the streets; and
11 provide for the lighting, cleaning and sprinkling of streets and public places;

12 (vi) Regulate traffic on all streets and bridges, prohibit encroachments
13 or obstacles thereon and, when necessary in the interest of public welfare,
14 authorize the removal of encroachments and illegal constructions in public
15 places;

16 (vii) Subject to existing laws, establish and provide for the
17 maintenance, repair and operation of an efficient waterworks system to supply
18 water for the inhabitants and to purify the source of the water supply; regulate
19 the construction, maintenance, repair and use of hydrants, pumps, cisterns and
20 reservoirs; protect the purity and quantity of the water supply of the City and,
21 *for this purpose, extend the coverage of appropriate ordinances over all*
22 *territory within the drainage area of said water supply and within one hundred*
23 *meters (100 m.) of the reservoir, canal, conduit, aqueduct, pumping station or*
24 *watershed used in connection with the water service; and regulate the*
25 *consumption, use or wastage of water and fix and collect charges therefor;*

26 (viii) Regulate the drilling and excavation of the ground for the laying
27 of water, gas, sewer and other pipes, and the construction, repair and
28 maintenance of public drains, sewers, cesspools, tunnels and similar structures;

1 regulate the placing of poles and the use of crosswalks, curbs and gutters;
2 adopt measures to ensure public safety against open canals, manholes, live
3 wires and other similar hazards to life and property; and regulate the
4 construction and use of private water closets, privies and other similar
5 structures in buildings and homes;

6 (ix) Regulate the placing, stringing, attaching, installing, repair and
7 construction of all gas mains, electric telegraph and telephone wires, conduits,
8 meters and other apparatus; and provide for the correction, condemnation or
9 removal of the same when found to be dangerous to the welfare of the
10 inhabitants;

11 (x) Subject to the availability of funds and the existing laws, rules
12 and regulations, establish and provide for the operation of vocational and
13 technical schools and similar post secondary institutions and, with the approval
14 of the Department of Education and subject to existing laws on tuition fees, fix
15 and collect reasonable tuition fees and other school charges in educational
16 institutions supported by the city government;

17 (xi) Establish a scholarship fund for poor but deserving students in
18 schools located within its jurisdiction or for students residing within the City;

19 (xii) Approve measures and adopt quarantine regulations to prevent
20 the introduction and spread of diseases;

21 (xiii) Provide for an efficient and effective system of solid waste and
22 garbage collection and disposal and prohibit littering and the placing or
23 throwing of garbage, refuse and other filth and wastes;

24 (xiv) Provide for the care of disabled persons, paupers, the aged, the
25 sick, persons of unsound mind, abandoned minors, juvenile delinquents, drug
26 dependents, abused children and other youth below eighteen (18) years of age;
27 and subject to availability of funds, establish and provide for the operation of
28 centers and facilities for the said needy and disadvantaged persons;

1 (xv) Establish and provide for the maintenance and improvement of
2 jails and detention centers, institute a sound jail management program and
3 appropriate funds for the subsistence of detainees and convicted prisoners in
4 the City;

5 (xvi) Establish a city council whose purpose is the promotion of
6 culture and the arts, coordinate with government agencies and
7 nongovernmental organizations and, subject to the availability of funds,
8 appropriate funds for the support and development of the same; and,

9 (xvii) Establish a city council for the elderly which shall formulate
10 policies and adopt measures mutually beneficial to the elderly and to the
11 community; provide incentives for nongovernmental agencies and entities and,
12 subject to the availability of funds, appropriate funds to support programs and
13 projects for the benefit of the elderly.

14 (6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
15 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
16 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
17 ordinance.

18 (b) The members of the sangguniang panlungsod of the City of
19 Meycauayan shall receive a minimum monthly compensation corresponding to
20 salary grade twenty-five (25), as prescribed under the Salary Standardization
21 Law and the implementing guidelines issued pursuant thereto.

ARTICLE V

PROCESS OF LEGISLATION

22 SEC. 12. *Internal Rules of Procedure.* – (a) On the first regular session
23 following the election of its members and within ninety (90) days thereafter,
24 the sangguniang panlungsod shall adopt or update its existing rules of
25 procedure.

26 (b) The rules of procedure shall provide for the following:

1 (1) The organization of the sanggunian and the election of its officers
2 as well as the creation of standing committees which shall include, but shall
3 not be limited to, the committees on appropriations, revenues, engineering and
4 public works, education and health, women and family, human rights, youth
5 and sports development, environmental protection, peace and order and traffic,
6 and cooperatives; the general jurisdiction of each committee; and the election
7 of the chairman and members of each committee;

8 (2) The order and calendar of business for each session;

9 (3) The legislative process;

10 (4) The parliamentary procedures which include the conduct of
11 members during sessions;

12 (5) The discipline of members for disorderly behavior and absences
13 without justifiable cause for four consecutive sessions for which they may be
14 censured, reprimanded or excluded from the session, suspended for not more
15 than sixty (60) days or expelled: *Provided*, That the penalty of suspension or
16 expulsion shall require the concurrence of at least two-thirds (2/3) vote of all
17 the sanggunian members: *Provided, further*, That the member convicted by
18 final judgment to imprisonment of at least one year for any crime involving
19 moral turpitude shall be automatically expelled from the sanggunian; and

20 (6) Such other rules as the sanggunian may adopt.

21 SEC. 13. *Full Disclosure of Financial and Business Interests of*
22 *Sangguniang Panlungsod Members.* – (a) Every sangguniang panlungsod
23 member shall, upon assumption to office, make a full disclosure of his business
24 and financial interests. He shall also disclose any business, financial,
25 professional relationship or any relation by affinity or consanguinity within the
26 fourth civil degree, which he may have with any person, firm or entity affected
27 by any ordinance or resolution under consideration by the sanggunian of which

1 he is a member, which relationship may result in conflict of interests. Such
2 relationship shall include:

3 (1) Ownership of stock or capital, or investment in the entity or firm
4 to which the ordinance or resolution may apply; and

5 (2) Contracts or agreements with any person or entity which the
6 ordinance or resolution under consideration may affect.

7 In the absence of a specific constitutional or statutory provisions
8 applicable to this situation, "conflict of interest" refers in general to one where
9 it may be reasonably deduced that a member of a sanggunian may not act in
10 the public interest due to some private, pecuniary or other personal
11 considerations that may tend to affect his judgment to the prejudice of the
12 service or the public.

13 (b) The disclosure required under this Act shall be made in writing
14 and submitted to the secretary of the sanggunian or the secretary of the
15 committee of which he is a member. The disclosure shall, in all cases, form
16 part of the record of the proceedings and shall be made in the following
17 manner:

18 (1) Disclosure shall be made before the member participates in the
19 deliberations on the ordinance or resolution under consideration: *Provided,*
20 That if the member did not participate during the deliberations, the disclosure
21 shall be made before voting on the ordinance or resolution on second and third
22 readings; and

23 (2) Disclosure shall be made when a member takes a position or
24 makes a privilege speech on a matter that may affect the business interest,
25 financial connection or professional relationship described herein.

26 SEC. 14. *Sessions.* – (a) On the first day of the session immediately
27 following the election of its members, the sangguniang panlungsod shall, by
28 resolution, fix the day, time and place of its sessions. The minimum number of

1 regular sessions shall be once a week for the sangguniang panlungsod and
2 twice a month for the sangguniang barangay.

3 (b) When the public interest so demands, special sessions may be
4 called by the city mayor or by a majority of the members of the sanggunian.

5 (c) All sanggunian sessions shall be open to the public unless a
6 closed-door session is ordered by an affirmative vote of a majority of the
7 members present, there being a quorum, in the public interest or for reasons of
8 security, decency or morality. No two sessions, regular or special, may be held
9 in a single day.

10 (d) In the case of special sessions of the sanggunian, a written notice
11 to the members shall be served personally at the members' usual place of
12 residence at least twenty-four (24) hours before the special session is held.

13 Unless concurred in by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the sanggunian members
14 present, there being a quorum, no other matters may be considered at a special
15 session except those stated in the notice.

16 (e) The sangguniang panlungsod shall keep a journal and a record of
17 its proceedings which may be published upon resolution of the majority of its
18 members.

19 SEC. 15. *Quorum.* - (a) A majority of all the members of the
20 sanggunian who have been elected and qualified shall constitute a quorum to
21 transact official business. Should a question of quorum be raised during a
22 session, the presiding officer shall immediately proceed to call the roll of the
23 members and thereafter announce the results.

24 (b) Where there is no quorum, the presiding officer may declare a
25 recess until such time a quorum is constituted, or a majority of the members
26 present may adjourn from day to day and may compel the immediate
27 attendance of any member absent without justifiable cause by designating a
28 member of the sanggunian, to be assisted by a member or members of the

1 police force assigned in the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Meycauayan,
2 to arrest the absent member and present him at the session.

3 (c) If there is still no quorum despite the enforcement of the
4 immediately preceding subsection, no business shall be transacted. The
5 presiding officer, upon proper motion duly approved by the members present,
6 shall then declare the session adjourned for lack of quorum.

7 SEC. 16. *Approval of Ordinances.* – (a) Every ordinance enacted by
8 the sangguniang panlungsod shall be presented to the city mayor. If the city
9 mayor approves the same, he shall affix his signature on each and every page
10 thereof; otherwise, he shall veto it and return the same with his objections to
11 the sanggunian, which may proceed to reconsider the same. The sanggunian
12 may override the veto of the city mayor by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all its
13 members, thereby making the ordinance or resolution effective for all legal
14 intents and purposes.

15 (b) The veto shall be communicated by the city mayor to the
16 sanggunian within ten (10) days; otherwise, the ordinance shall be deemed
17 approved as if he had signed it.

18 SEC. 17. *Veto Power of the City Mayor.* – (a) The city mayor may veto
19 any ordinance of the sangguniang panlungsod on the ground that it is *ultra*
20 *vires* or prejudicial to the public welfare, stating his reasons thereof in writing.

21 (b) The city mayor shall have the power to veto any particular item or
22 items of an appropriations ordinance, an ordinance or resolution adopting a
23 local development plan, any public investment program, or an ordinance
24 directing the payment of money or creating liability. In such case, the veto
25 shall not affect the item or items which are not objected to. The vetoed item or
26 items shall not take effect unless the sangguniang panlungsod overrides the
27 veto in the manner herein provided; otherwise, the item or items in the

1 appropriations ordinance of the previous year corresponding to those vetoed, if
2 any, shall be deemed enacted.

3 (c) The city mayor may veto an ordinance or resolution only once.
4 The sanggunian may override the veto of the city mayor by two-thirds (2/3)
5 vote of all its members, thereby making the ordinance effective even without
6 the approval of the city mayor.

7 SEC. 18. *Review of City Ordinances by the Sangguniang*
8 *Panlalawigan.* – (a) Within three days after approval, the secretary to the
9 sangguniang panlungsod shall forward to the sangguniang panlalawigan for
10 review, copies of approved ordinances and the resolutions approving the local
11 development plans and public investment programs formulated by the local
12 development councils.

13 (b) Within thirty (30) days after receipt of copies of such ordinances
14 and resolutions, the sangguniang panlalawigan shall examine the documents or
15 transmit them to the provincial attorney or the provincial prosecutor for
16 prompt examination. The provincial attorney or the provincial prosecutor
17 shall, within a period of ten (10) days from receipt of the documents, inform
18 the sangguniang panlalawigan in writing of his comments or recommendations,
19 which may be considered by the sangguniang panlalawigan in making its
20 decision.

21 (c) If the sangguniang panlalawigan finds that such an ordinance or
22 resolution is beyond the power conferred upon the sangguniang panlungsod
23 concerned, it shall declare such ordinance or resolution invalid in whole or in
24 part. The sangguniang panlalawigan shall enter its action in the minutes and
25 shall advise the corresponding city authorities of the action it has taken.

26 (d) If no action has been taken by the sangguniang panlalawigan
27 within thirty (30) days after submission of such an ordinance or resolution, the
28 same shall be presumed consistent with law and therefore valid.

1 SEC. 19. *Review of Barangay Ordinances by the Sangguniang*
2 *Panlungsod.* – (a) Within ten (10) days after its enactment, the sangguniang
3 barangay shall furnish copies of all barangay ordinances to the sangguniang
4 panlungsod for review as to whether the ordinance is consistent with law and
5 city ordinances.

6 (b) If the sangguniang panlungsod fails to take action on barangay
7 ordinances within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, the same shall be
8 deemed approved.

9 (c) If the sangguniang panlungsod finds the barangay ordinances
10 inconsistent with law or city ordinances, the sangguniang panlungsod shall,
11 within thirty (30) days from receipt thereof, return the same with its comments
12 and recommendations to the sangguniang barangay concerned for adjustment,
13 amendment or modification; in which case, the effectivity of the barangay
14 ordinance is suspended until such time as the revision called for is effected.

15 SEC. 20. *Enforcement of Disapproved Ordinances or Resolutions.* –
16 Any attempt to enforce any ordinance or any resolution approving the local
17 development plan and public investment program after the disapproval thereof
18 shall be sufficient ground for the suspension or dismissal of the official or
19 employee concerned.

20 SEC. 21. *Effectivity of Ordinances or Resolutions.* – (a) Unless
21 otherwise stated in the ordinance or the resolution approving the local
22 development plan and public investment program, the same shall take effect
23 after ten (10) days from the date a copy thereof is posted in a bulletin board at
24 the entrance of the City Hall of Meycauayan, and in at least two other
25 conspicuous places in the City of Meycauayan not later than five days after
26 approval thereof.

27 (b) The secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod shall cause the
28 posting of an ordinance or resolution in the bulletin board at the entrance of

1 the city hall in at least two conspicuous places not later than five days after
2 approval thereof.

3 The text of the ordinance or resolution shall be disseminated and posted
4 in Filipino or English and the secretary of the sangguniang panlungsod shall
5 record such fact in a book kept for the purpose, stating the dates of approval
6 and posting.

7 (c) The main features of the ordinance or resolution duly enacted or
8 adopted shall, in addition to being posted, be published once in a local
9 newspaper of general circulation within the City: *Provided*, That in the
10 absence thereof the ordinance or resolution shall be published in any
11 newspaper of general circulation: *Provided, further*, That the gist of all
12 ordinances with penal sanctions shall also be published in a newspaper of
13 general circulation.

ARTICLE VI

DISQUALIFICATION AND SUCCESSION OF ELECTIVE CITY OFFICIALS

14 SEC. 22. *Disqualifications of Elective Public City Officials.* – The
15 following persons are disqualified from running for any elective position in the
16 City:

17 (a) Those sentenced by final judgment for an offense involving moral
18 turpitude or an offense punishable by one year or more of imprisonment within
19 two years after serving sentence;

20 (b) Those removed from office as a result of an administrative case;

21 (c) Those convicted by final judgment for violating the oath of
22 allegiance to the Republic of the Philippines;

23 (d) Those with dual citizenship;

24 (e) Fugitives from justice in criminal or nonpolitical cases here and
25 abroad;

1 (f) Permanent residents in a foreign country or those who have
2 acquired the right to reside abroad and continue to avail of the same right after
3 the effectivity of the Local Government Code; and

4 (g) The insane or feeble-minded.

5 SEC. 23. *Permanent Vacancy in the Office of the City Mayor and City*
6 *Vice Mayor.* – (a) If a permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the city
7 mayor, the city vice mayor concerned shall become the city mayor. If a
8 permanent vacancy occurs in the office of the city vice mayor, the highest
9 ranking sangguniang panlungsod member or, in case of his permanent
10 incapacity, the second highest ranking sangguniang panlungsod member shall
11 become the city mayor or city vice mayor, as the case may be. Subsequent
12 vacancies in said offices shall be filled automatically by the other sanggunian
13 members according to their ranking as defined herein.

14 (b) A tie between or among the highest ranking sangguniang
15 panlungsod members shall be resolved by drawing of lots.

16 (c) The successors as defined herein shall serve only the unexpired
17 terms of their predecessors.

18 For purposes of this Act, a permanent vacancy arises when an elective
19 local official fills a higher vacant office, refuses to assume office, fails to
20 qualify, dies, is removed from office, voluntarily resigns or is otherwise
21 permanently incapacitated to discharge the functions of his office.

22 For purposes of succession as provided in this Act, ranking in the
23 sanggunian shall be determined on the basis of the proportion of votes
24 obtained by each winning candidate to the total number of registered voters in
25 the City in the immediately preceding local election.

26 SEC. 24. *Permanent Vacancies in the Sanggunian.* – Permanent
27 vacancies in the sangguniang panlungsod where automatic succession as

1 provided above does not apply shall be filled by appointments in the following
2 manner:

3 (a) The President, through the Executive Secretary, shall make the
4 aforesaid appointments;

5 (b) Only the nominee of the political party under which the
6 sanggunian member concerned had been elected shall be appointed in the
7 manner herein provided. The appointee shall come from the political party as
8 that of the sanggunian member who caused the vacancy and shall serve the
9 unexpired term of the vacant office. In the appointment herein mentioned, a
10 nomination and a certificate of membership of the appointee from the highest
11 official of the political party concerned are conditions *sine qua non*, and any
12 appointment without such nomination and certification shall be null and void
13 *ab initio* and shall be a ground for administrative action against the official
14 responsible therefor;

15 (c) In case the permanent vacancy is caused by a sanggunian member
16 who does not belong to any political party, the city mayor shall, upon
17 recommendation of the sangguniang panlungsod, appoint a qualified person to
18 fill the vacancy; and

19 (d) In case of vacancy in the representation of the youth and the
20 barangay in the sangguniang panlungsod, said vacancy shall be filled
21 automatically by the official next in rank of the organization concerned.

22 SEC. 25. *Temporary Vacancy in the Office of the City Mayor.* – (a)
23 When the city mayor is temporarily incapacitated to perform his duties for
24 physical or legal reasons such as, but not limited to, leave of absence, travel
25 abroad and suspension from office, the city vice mayor or the highest ranking
26 sangguniang panlungsod member shall automatically exercise the powers and
27 perform the duties and functions of the city mayor, except the power to

1 appoint, suspend or dismiss employees which can only be exercised if the
2 period of temporary incapacity exceeds thirty (30) working days.

3 (b) Said temporary incapacity shall terminate upon submission to the
4 sangguniang panlungsod of a written declaration by the city mayor that he has
5 reported back to office. In case where the temporary incapacity is due to legal
6 cause, the city mayor shall also submit necessary documents showing the said
7 legal causes no longer exist.

8 (c) When the city mayor is traveling within the country but outside
9 territorial jurisdiction for a period not exceeding three consecutive days; he
10 may designate in writing the officer-in-charge of his office. Such authorization
11 shall specify the powers and functions that the local official concerned shall
12 exercise in the absence of the city mayor except the power to appoint, suspend
13 or dismiss employees.

14 (d) In the event, however, that the city mayor fails or refuses to issue
15 such authorization, the city vice mayor or the highest ranking sangguniang
16 panlungsod member, as the case may be, shall have the right to assume the
17 powers, duties and functions of the said office on the fourth day of absence of
18 the city mayor, subject to the limitations provided in subsection (c) hereof.

19 (e) Except as provided above, the city mayor shall, in no case,
20 authorize any local official to assume the powers, duties and functions of the
21 office other than the city vice mayor or the highest ranking member of the
22 sangguniang panlungsod, as the case may be.

ARTICLE VII

THE APPOINTIVE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY

23 SEC. 26. *The Secretary of the Sangguniang Panlungsod.* – (a) There
24 shall be a secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod who shall be a career
25 official with the rank and salary equal to a head of a department or office.

1 (b) No person shall be appointed secretary to the sangguniang
2 panlungsod unless he is a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of
3 Meycauayan, of good moral character, a holder of a degree preferably in law,
4 commerce or public administration from a recognized college or university and
5 a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent.

6 (c) The secretary to the sangguniang panlungsod shall take charge of
7 the office of the sangguniang panlungsod and shall:

8 (1) Attend meetings of the sangguniang panlungsod and keep a
9 journal of its proceedings;

10 (2) Keep the seal of the City and affix the same with his signature to
11 all ordinances, resolutions and other official acts of the sangguniang
12 panlungsod and present the same to the presiding officer for his signature;

13 (3) Forward to the city mayor, for approval, copies of ordinances
14 enacted by the sangguniang panlungsod and duly certified by the presiding
15 officer;

16 (4) Forward to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM)
17 copies of the appropriation ordinances passed by the sangguniang panlungsod
18 as provided for under Section 326, Book II of the Local Government Code;

19 (5) Forward to the sangguniang panlalawigan copies of duly approved
20 ordinances in the manner provided in Sections 56 and 57 under Book I of the
21 Local Government Code;

22 (6) Furnish, upon request of any interested party, certified copies of
23 records of public character in his custody, upon payment to the city treasurer
24 of such fees as may be prescribed by ordinance;

25 (7) Record in a book kept for the purpose, all ordinances and
26 resolutions enacted or adopted by the sangguniang panlungsod, with the dates
27 of passage and publication thereof;

1 (8) Keep his office and all nonconfidential records therein open to the
2 public during usual business hours;

3 (9) Translate into the dialect used by the majority of the inhabitants
4 all ordinances and resolutions immediately after their approval, and cause the
5 publication of the same together with the original version in the manner
6 provided under the Local Government Code;

7 (10) Take custody of the local archives and, where applicable, the local
8 library and annually account for the same; and

9 (11) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
10 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
11 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
12 ordinance.

13 SEC. 27. *The City Treasurer.* – (a) The city treasurer shall be
14 appointed by the Secretary of Finance from a list of at least three ranking
15 eligible recommendees of the city mayor, subject to the civil service law, rules
16 and regulations.

17 (b) The city treasurer shall be under the administrative supervision of
18 the city mayor, to whom he shall report regularly on the tax collection efforts
19 of the City.

20 (c) No person shall be appointed treasurer unless he is a citizen of the
21 Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good moral character, a
22 holder of a college degree preferably in commerce, public administration or
23 law from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service
24 eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in treasury or
25 accounting service for at least five years.

26 (d) The city treasurer shall receive such compensation, emoluments
27 and allowances as may be determined by law.

1 (e) The city treasurer shall take charge of the city treasurer's office,
2 and shall:

3 (1) Advise the city mayor, the sangguniang panlungsod and other local
4 government and national officials concerned regarding disposition of local
5 government funds and on such other matters relative to public finance;

6 (2) Take custody and exercise proper management of the funds of the
7 City;

8 (3) Take charge of the disbursement of all funds of the City and such
9 other funds, the custody of which may be entrusted to him by law or other
10 competent authority;

11 (4) Inspect private commercial and industrial establishments within the
12 jurisdiction of the City in relation to the implementation of tax ordinances
13 pursuant to the provisions of the Local Government Code;

14 (5) Maintain and update the tax information system of the City; and

15 (6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
16 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
17 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
18 ordinance.

19 SEC. 28. *The Assistant City Treasurer.* – (a) The assistant city
20 treasurer may be appointed by the Secretary of Finance from a list of at least
21 three ranking eligible recommendees of the city mayor, subject to civil service
22 law, rules and regulations.

23 (b) No person shall be appointed assistant city treasurer unless he is a
24 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good moral
25 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in commerce, public
26 administration or law from a recognized college or university, and a first grade
27 civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired at least five
28 years experience in treasury or accounting.

1 (c) The assistant city treasurer shall receive such compensation,
2 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

3 (d) The assistant city treasurer shall assist the city treasurer and
4 perform such other duties as the latter may assign him. He shall have authority
5 to administer oaths concerning notices and notifications to those delinquent in
6 the payment of the real property tax and concerning official matters relating to
7 the accounts of the city treasurer or otherwise arising from the offices of the
8 city treasurer and the city assessor.

9 SEC. 29. *The City Assessor.* – (a) The city assessor must be a citizen
10 of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good moral
11 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in civil or mechanical
12 engineering, commerce or any other related course from a recognized college
13 or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must
14 have acquired experience in real property assessment work or in any related
15 field for at least five years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

16 (b) The city assessor shall receive such compensation, emoluments
17 and allowances as may be determined by law.

18 (c) The city assessor shall take charge of the city assessor's office,
19 and shall:

20 (1) Ensure that all laws and policies governing the appraisal and
21 assessment of real properties for taxation purposes are properly executed;

22 (2) Initiate, review and recommend changes in policies and
23 objectives, plans and programs, techniques, procedures and practices in the
24 evaluation and assessment of real properties for taxation purposes;

25 (3) Establish a systematic method of real property assessment;

26 (4) Install and maintain a real property identification and accounting
27 systems;

1 (5) Prepare, install and maintain a system of tax mapping, showing
2 graphically all properties subject to assessment and gather all data concerning
3 the same;

4 (6) Conduct frequent physical surveys to verify and determine
5 whether all real properties within the City are properly listed in the assessment
6 rolls;

7 (7) Exercise the functions of appraisal and assessment primarily for
8 taxation purposes of all real properties in the City;

9 (8) Prepare a schedule of the fair market value of the different classes
10 of real properties in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government
11 Code;

12 (9) Issue, upon request of any interested party, certified copies of
13 assessment records of real properties on all other records relative to its
14 assessment, upon payment of a service charge or fee to the city treasurer;

15 (10) Submit every semester a report of all assessments, as well as
16 cancellations and modifications of assessments, to the city mayor and the
17 sangguniang panlungsod; and

18 (11) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
19 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
20 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
21 ordinance.

22 SEC. 30. *The Assistant City Assessor.* – (a) The assistant city assessor
23 must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of
24 good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in civil or
25 mechanical engineering, commerce or any related course from a recognized
26 college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent.
27 He must have acquired experience in assessment or in any related field for at
28 least three years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

1 (b) The assistant city assessor shall receive such compensation,
2 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

3 (c) The assistant city assessor shall assist the city assessor and
4 perform such other duties as the latter may assign to him. He shall have the
5 authority to administer oaths and all declarations of all real property for
6 purposes of assessment.

7 SEC. 31. *The City Accountant* – (a) The city accountant must be a
8 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good moral
9 character and a certified public accountant. He must have acquired experience
10 in the treasury or accounting service for at least five years immediately
11 preceding the date of his appointment.

12 (b) The city accountant shall receive such compensation, emoluments
13 and allowances as may be determined by law.

14 (c) The city accountant shall take charge of both the office of the
15 accounting and internal audit services, and shall:

16 (1) Install and maintain an internal audit system in the City;

17 (2) Prepare and submit financial statements to the city mayor and to
18 the sangguniang panlungsod;

19 (3) Appraise the sangguniang panlungsod and other officials on the
20 financial condition and operations of the City;

21 (4) Certify the availability of budgetary allotment to which
22 expenditures and obligations may be properly charged;

23 (5) Review supporting documents before preparation of vouchers to
24 determine the completeness of requirements;

25 (6) Prepare statements of cash advances, liquidations, salaries,
26 allowances, reimbursements and remittances pertaining to the City;

27 (7) Prepare statements of journal vouchers and liquidation of the same
28 and other adjustments related thereto;

1 (8) Post individual disbursements to the subsidiary ledger and index
2 cards;

3 (9) Maintain individual ledgers for officials and employees of the City
4 pertaining to payrolls and deductions;

5 (10) Record and post in index cards details of purchased furniture,
6 fixtures and equipment, including disposal thereof, if any;

7 (11) Account for all issued requests for obligations and maintain and
8 keep all records and reports related thereto;

9 (12) Prepare journals and the analysis of obligations and maintain and
10 keep all records and reports related thereto; and

11 (13) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
12 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
13 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
14 ordinance.

15 SEC. 32. *The City Budget Officer.* – (a) The city budget officer must be
16 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good
17 moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably in accounting,
18 economics, public administration or any related course from a recognized
19 college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent.
20 He must have acquired experience in government budgeting or in any related
21 field for at least five years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

22 (b) The city budget officer shall receive such compensation,
23 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

24 (c) The city budget officer shall take charge of the city budget office,
25 and shall:

26 (1) Prepare forms, orders and circulars embodying instructions on
27 budgetary and appropriation matters for the signature of the city mayor;

1 (2) Review and consolidate the budget proposals of different
2 departments and offices of the City;

3 (3) Assist the city mayor in the preparation of the budget and during
4 budget hearings;

5 (4) Study and evaluate budgetary implications of proposed legislation
6 and submit comments and recommendations thereon;

7 (5) Submit periodic budgetary reports to the Department of Budget and
8 Management;

9 (6) Coordinate with the city treasurer, the city accountant and the city
10 urban planning and development officer for the purpose of budgeting;

11 (7) Assist the sangguniang panlungsod in reviewing the approved
12 budgets of component City;

13 (8) Coordinate with the city urban planning and development officer in
14 the formulation of the development plan of the City; and

15 (9) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
16 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
17 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
18 ordinance.

19 SEC. 33. *The City Urban Planning and Development Officer.* – (a) The
20 city urban planning and development officer must be a citizen of the
21 Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good moral character, a
22 holder of a college degree preferably in urban planning, development studies,
23 economics, public administration or any related course from a recognized
24 college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent.
25 He must have acquired experience in development planning or in any related
26 field for at least five years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

27 (b) The city urban planning and development officer shall receive
28 such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

1 (c) The city urban planning and development officer shall take charge
2 of the city planning and development coordinating office, and shall:

3 (1) Formulate integrated economic, social, physical and other
4 development plans and policies for consideration of the City;

5 (2) Conduct continuing studies, researches and training programs
6 necessary to evolve plans and programs for implementation;

7 (3) Integrate and coordinate all sectoral plans and studies undertaken
8 by the different functional groups or agencies;

9 (4) Monitor and evaluate the implementation of the different
10 development programs, projects and activities in the City in accordance with
11 the approved development plan;

12 (5) Prepare comprehensive plans and other development planning
13 documents for the consideration of the local development council;

14 (6) Analyze the income and expenditure patterns, and formulate and
15 recommend fiscal plans and policies for consideration of the finance
16 committee of the sangguniang panlungsod;

17 (7) Promote people's participation in development planning within
18 the City;

19 (8) Exercise supervision and control over the secretariat of the local
20 development council; and

21 (9) Perform such other functions and duties and exercise such other
22 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
23 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
24 ordinance.

25 SEC. 34. *The City Engineer.* -- (a) The city engineer must be a citizen
26 of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good moral
27 character and a licensed civil engineer. He must have acquired experience in

1 the practice of his profession for at least five years immediately preceding the
2 date of his appointment.

3 (b) The city engineer shall receive such compensation, emoluments
4 and allowances as may be determined by law.

5 (c) The city engineer shall take charge of the city engineering office,
6 and shall:

7 (1) Initiate, review and recommend changes in policies and objectives,
8 plans and programs, techniques, procedures and practices in infrastructure
9 *development and public works in general of the City;*

10 (2) Advise the city mayor on infrastructure, public works and other
11 engineering matters;

12 (3) Administer, coordinate, supervise and control the construction,
13 maintenance, improvement and repair of roads, bridges, other engineering and
14 public works projects of the City;

15 (4) Provide engineering services to the City, including investigation
16 and survey, engineering designs, feasibility studies and project management;
17 and

18 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
19 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
20 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
21 ordinance.

22 SEC. 35. *The City Health Officer.* – (a) The city health officer must be
23 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good
24 moral character and a licensed medical practitioner. He must have acquired
25 experience in the practice of his profession for at least five years immediately
26 preceding the date of his appointment.

27 (b) The city health officer shall receive such compensation,
28 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

1 (c) The city health officer shall take charge of the office of the city
2 health services, and shall:

3 (1) Supervise the personnel and staff of said office, formulate
4 program implementation guidelines and rules and regulations for the operation
5 of the said office for the approval of the city mayor in order to assist him in the
6 efficient, effective and economical implementation of health service program
7 geared to implement health-related projects and activities;

8 (2) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
9 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
10 carrying out activities to ensure the delivery of basic services and provision of
11 adequate facilities relative to health services provided for under Section 17 of
12 the Local Government Code ;

13 (3) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
14 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
15 health programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to implement
16 and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide under the
17 Local Government Code;

18 (4) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city health
19 officer shall:

20 (i) Formulate and implement policies, plans and projects to promote
21 the health of the people in the City;

22 (ii) Advises the city mayor and the sangguniang panlungsod on matters
23 pertaining to health;

24 (iii) Execute and enforce all laws, ordinances and regulations relating
25 to public health;

26 (iv) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod, through the Local
27 Health Board, the passage of such ordinances as he may deem necessary for
28 the preservation of public health;

1 (v) Recommend the prosecution of any violation of sanitary laws,
2 ordinances or regulations;

3 (vi) Direct the sanitary inspection of all business establishment selling
4 food items or providing accommodation such as hotels, motels, lodging
5 houses, pension houses and the like, in accordance with the Sanitation Code;

6 (vii) Conduct health information campaigns and render health
7 intelligence services; and

8 (viii) Coordinate with other government agencies and nongovernmental
9 organizations involved in the promotion and delivery of health services.

10 (5) Be in the frontline of the delivery of health services, particularly
11 during and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;
12 and

13 (6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
14 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
15 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
16 ordinance.

17 SEC. 36. *The City Civil Registrar.* – (a) The city civil registrar must be
18 a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good
19 moral character, a holder of a college degree from a recognized college or
20 university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must
21 have acquired experience in civil registry work for at least five years
22 immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

23 (b) The city civil registrar shall receive such compensation,
24 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

25 (c) The city civil registrar shall be responsible for the civil
26 registration program in the City of Meycauayan, pursuant to the Civil Registry
27 Law, the Civil Code and other pertinent laws, rules and regulations issued to
28 implement them.

1 (d) The city civil registrar shall take charge of the office of the city
2 civil registry, and shall:

3 (1) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
4 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
5 management and administration-related programs and projects which the city
6 mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
7 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code;

8 (2) *In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the civil registrar*
9 *shall:*

10 (i) Accept all registrable documents and judicial decrees affecting the
11 civil status of persons;

12 (ii) File, keep and preserve in a secure place the books required by
13 law;

14 (iii) Transcribe and enter immediately upon receipt all registrable
15 documents and judicial decrees affecting the civil status of persons in the
16 appropriate civil registry books;

17 (iv) Transmit to the Office of the Civil Registrar-General, within the
18 *prescribed period, duplicate copies of registered documents required by law;*

19 (v) Issue certified transcripts or copies of any certificate or registered
20 documents upon payment of the required fees to the treasurer;

21 (vi) Receive applications for the issuance of a marriage license and,
22 after determining that the requirements and supporting certificates and
23 publication thereof for the prescribed period have been complied with, issue
24 the license upon payment of the authorized fee to the treasurer; and

25 (vii) Coordinate with the National Statistics Office in conducting
26 *educational campaigns for vital registration and assist in the preparation of*
27 *demographic and other statistics for the City of Meycauayan.*

1 (3) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
2 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
3 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
4 ordinance.

5 SEC. 37. *The City Administrator.* – (a) The city administrator must be a
6 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good moral
7 character, a holder of a college degree preferably in public administration, law
8 or any other related course from a recognized college or university and a first
9 grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired
10 experience in management and administrative work for at least five years
11 immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

12 (b) The term of the city administrator is coterminous with that of his
13 appointing authority.

14 (c) The city administrator shall receive such compensation,
15 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

16 (d) The city administrator shall take charge of the city administrator's
17 office, and shall:

18 (1) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
19 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
20 management and administration-related programs and projects which the city
21 mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
22 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code;

23 (2) Be in the frontline of the delivery of administrative support
24 services, particularly those related to the situations during and in the aftermath
25 of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

26 (3) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
27 mayor on all matters relative to the management and administration of the
28 City; and

1 (4) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
2 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
3 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
4 ordinance.

5 SEC. 38. *The City Legal Officer.* – (a) The city legal officer must be a
6 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good moral
7 character and a member of the Philippine Bar. He must have practiced his
8 profession for at least five years immediately preceding the date of his
9 appointment.

10 (b) The city legal officer shall receive such compensation,
11 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

12 (c) The city legal officer, the chief legal counsel of the City, shall take
13 charge of the office of the city legal service, and shall:

14 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
15 panlungsod and provide legal assistance and support to the city mayor in
16 carrying out the delivery of basic services and the provision of adequate
17 facilities;

18 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
19 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
20 programs and projects related to legal services which the city mayor is
21 empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
22 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code;

23 (3) Recommend measures to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise
24 the city mayor on all matters related to upholding the rule of law;

25 (4) Be in the frontline of protecting human rights and prosecuting any
26 violations thereof, particularly those which occur during and in the aftermath
27 of man-made or natural disasters and calamities; and

1 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
2 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
3 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
4 ordinance.

5 SEC. 39. *The City Social Welfare and Development Officer.* – (a) The
6 city social welfare and development officer must be a citizen of the
7 Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good moral character, a
8 duly licensed social worker or a holder of a college degree preferably in
9 sociology or any other related course from a recognized college or university,
10 and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired
11 experience in the practice of social work for at least five years immediately
12 preceding the date of his appointment.

13 (b) The city social welfare and development officer shall receive such
14 compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

15 (c) The city social welfare and development officer shall take charge
16 of the office of the social welfare and development, and shall:

17 (1) Formulate measures for the approval of the sangguniang
18 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
19 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the
20 provision of adequate facilities relative to social welfare and development
21 services;

22 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
23 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
24 social welfare programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to
25 implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide
26 for under the Local Government Code;

1 (3) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services particularly those
2 which have to do with the immediate relief and assistance during and in the
3 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

4 (4) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
5 mayor on all other matters related to social welfare and development services
6 which will improve the livelihood and living conditions of the inhabitants; and

7 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
8 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
9 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
10 ordinance.

11 SEC. 40. *The City Veterinarian.* – (a) The city veterinarian must be a
12 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good moral
13 character and a licensed doctor of veterinary medicine. He must have
14 practiced his profession for at least three years immediately preceding the date
15 of his appointment.

16 (b) The city veterinarian shall receive such compensation,
17 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

18 (c) The city veterinarian shall take charge of the office of veterinary
19 services, and shall:

20 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
21 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
22 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the
23 provision of adequate facilities;

24 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
25 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
26 veterinary-related activities which the city mayor is empowered to implement
27 and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the
28 Local Government Code;

1 (3) Be in the frontline of veterinary-related activities, such as the
2 outbreak of highly contagious and deadly diseases and in situations resulting in
3 the depletion of animals for work and for human consumption, particularly
4 those arising from and in the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and
5 calamities;

6 (4) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
7 mayor on all other matters relative to veterinary services which will increase
8 the number and improve the quality of livestock, poultry and other domestic
9 animals used for work or for human consumption; and

10 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
11 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
12 Local Government Code of 1991; and those that are prescribed by law or
13 ordinance.

14 SEC. 41. *The City General Services Officer.* – (a) The city general
15 services officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of
16 Meycauayan, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree in public
17 administration, business administration or management from a recognized
18 college or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent.
19 He must have acquired experience in general services, including management
20 of supply, property, solid waste disposal and general sanitation for at least
21 three years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

22 (b) The city general services officer shall receive such compensation,
23 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

24 (c) The city general services officer shall take charge of the office of
25 the general services, and shall:

26 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
27 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
28 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the

1 provision of adequate facilities which require general services expertise and
2 technical support services;

3 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
4 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
5 general services supportive of the welfare of the inhabitants of the City which
6 the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang
7 panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code;

8 (3) Take custody of and be accountable for all properties, real or
9 personal, owned by the City and those granted to it in the form of donation,
10 reparation, assistance and counterpart of joint projects;

11 (4) Be in the frontline of general services-related activities, such as
12 the possible or imminent destruction or damage to records, supplies, properties
13 and structure materials or debris, particularly during and in the aftermath of
14 man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

15 (5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
16 mayor on all other matters relative to general services; and

17 (6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
18 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
19 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
20 ordinance.

21 SEC. 42. *The City Environment and Natural Resources Officer.* – (a)
22 The city environment and natural resources officer must be a citizen of the
23 Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good moral character, a
24 holder of a college degree preferably in environment, forestry, agriculture or
25 any other related course from a recognized college or university, and a first
26 grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired
27 experience in environment and natural resources management, conservation

1 and utilization work for at least five years immediately preceding the date of
2 his appointment.

3 (b) The city environment and natural resources officer shall receive
4 such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

5 (c) The city environment and natural resources officer shall take
6 charge of the office of the environment and natural resources, and shall:

7 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
8 panlungsod and provide assistance and support to the city mayor in carrying
9 out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the provision of
10 adequate facilities relative to environment and natural resources services as
11 provided for under Section 17 of the Local Government Code;

12 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
13 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
14 environment and natural resources programs and projects which the city mayor
15 is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
16 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code;

17 (3) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services concerning the
18 environment and natural resources, particularly in the renewal and
19 rehabilitation of the environment during and in the aftermath of man-made and
20 natural disasters and calamities;

21 (4) Recommend measures to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise
22 the city mayor on all matters relative to the protection, conservation, maximum
23 utilization, application of appropriate technology and other matters related to
24 the environment and natural resources; and

25 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
26 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
27 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
28 ordinance.

1 SEC. 43. *The City Architect.* – (a) The city architect must be a citizen
2 of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good moral
3 character and a duly licensed architect. He must have practiced his profession
4 for at least five years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

5 (b) The city architect shall receive such compensation, emoluments
6 and allowances as may be determined by law.

7 (c) The city architect shall take charge of the office on the
8 architectural planning and design, and shall:

9 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
10 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
11 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the
12 provision of adequate facilities relative to architectural planning and design;

13 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
14 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
15 architectural planning and design programs and projects which the city mayor
16 is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
17 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code;

18 (3) Be in the frontline of the delivery of services involving
19 architectural planning and design, particularly those related to the redesigning
20 of spatial distribution of basic facilities and physical structures during and in
21 the aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

22 (4) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
23 mayor on all matters relative to architectural planning and design as it relates
24 to the total socioeconomic development of the city; and

25 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
26 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
27 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law and
28 ordinance.

1 SEC. 44. *The City Information and Community Relations Officer.* – (a)

2 The city information and community relations officer must be a citizen of the
3 Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good moral character, a
4 holder of a college degree preferably in journalism, mass communication or
5 any related course from a recognized college or university and a first grade
6 civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have experience in writing
7 articles and research papers or writing for print, television or broadcast media
8 for at least five years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

9 (b) The city information and community relations officer shall receive
10 such compensation, emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

11 (c) The city information and community relations officer shall take
12 charge of the city information and community relations office, and shall:

13 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
14 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
15 providing the information and research data required for the delivery of basic
16 services and the provision of adequate facilities so that the public becomes
17 aware of said services and may fully avail of the same;

18 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
19 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
20 public information and research data to support programs and projects which
21 the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang
22 panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code;

23 (3) Be in the frontline in providing information during and in the
24 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities, with special
25 attention to the victims thereof, to help minimize injuries and casualties during
26 and after the emergency, and to accelerate relief and rehabilitation;

1 (4) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
2 mayor on all matters relative to public information and research data as it
3 relates to the total socioeconomic development of the City; and

4 (5) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
5 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
6 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
7 ordinance.

8 SEC. 45. *The City Cooperatives Officer.* -- (a) The city cooperatives
9 officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of
10 Meycauayan, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably
11 in business administration with special training on cooperatives or any related
12 course from a recognized college or university and a first grade civil service
13 eligible or its equivalent. He must have experience in cooperatives
14 organization and management for at least five years immediately preceding the
15 date of his appointment.

16 (b) The city cooperatives officer shall receive such compensation,
17 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

18 (c) The city cooperatives officer shall take charge of the office for the
19 development of cooperatives, and shall:

20 (1) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
21 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
22 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the
23 provision of facilities through the development of cooperatives, and in
24 providing access to such services and facilities;

25 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
26 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
27 integration of cooperatives principles and methods in programs which the city

1 mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
2 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code; ¶

3 (3) *Be in the frontline of cooperative organization, rehabilitation or*
4 *viability enhancement, particularly during and in the aftermath of man-made*
5 *and natural disasters and calamities, to aid in their survival and, if necessary,*
6 *subsequent rehabilitation;*

7 (4) *Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city*
8 *mayor on all other matters relative to cooperatives development and viability*
9 *enhancement which will improve the livelihood and quality of life of the*
10 *inhabitants; and*

11 (5) *Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other*
12 *powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the*
13 *Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or*
14 *ordinance.*

15 SEC. 46. *The City Population Officer.* – (a) *The city population officer*
16 *must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of*
17 *good moral character, a holder of a college degree preferably with specialized*
18 *training in population development from a recognized college or university,*
19 *and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must have*
20 *experience in the implementation of programs or population development or*
21 *responsible parenthood for at least five years immediately preceding the date*
22 *of his appointment.*

23 (b) *The city population officer shall receive such compensation,*
24 *emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.*

25 (c) *The city population officer shall take charge of the office on*
26 *population development, and shall:*

27 (1) *Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang*
28 *panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in*

1 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the
2 provision of adequate facilities relative to the integration of the population
3 development principles and in providing access to said services and facilities;

4 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
5 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with the
6 integration of population development principles and methods in programs and
7 projects which the city mayor is empowered to implement and which the
8 sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the Local
9 Government Code; and

10 (3) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
11 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
12 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
13 ordinance.

14 SEC. 47. *The City Agriculturist.* – (a) The city agriculturist must be a
15 citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good moral
16 character, a holder of a college degree in agriculture or any other related
17 course from a recognized college or university and a first grade civil service
18 eligible or its equivalent. He must have practiced his profession in agriculture
19 or acquired the experience in a related field for at least five years immediately
20 preceding the date of his appointment.

21 (b) The city agriculturist shall receive such compensation,
22 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

23 (c) The city agriculturist shall take charge of the office for agricultural
24 services, and shall:

25 (1) Formulate measures for the approval of the sangguniang
26 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
27 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the
28 provision of adequate facilities relative to agricultural services;

1 (2) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
2** city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
3 agricultural programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to
4 implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide
5 for under the Local Government Code;

6 (3) In addition to the foregoing duties and functions, the city
7 agriculturist shall:

8 (i) Ensure that maximum assistance and access to resources in the
9 production, processing and marketing of agricultural and aquacultural and
10 marine products are extended to farmers, fishermen and local entrepreneurs;

11 (ii) Conduct or cause to be considered location-specific agricultural
12 researches and assist in making available the appropriate technology arising
13 out of and disseminating information on basic research on crops, prevention
14 and control of plant diseases and pests, and other agricultural matters which
15 will maximize productivity;

16 (iii) Assist the city mayor in the establishment and extension services
17 of demonstration farms or aquaculture and marine products;

18 (iv) Enforce rules and regulations relating to agriculture and
19 aquaculture; and

20 (v) Coordinate with government agencies and nongovernmental
21 organizations which promote agricultural productivity through appropriate
22 technology compatible with environmental integrity.

23 (4)^s Be in the frontline of the delivery of basic agricultural services,
24 particularly those needed for the survival of the inhabitants during and in the
25 aftermath of man-made and natural disasters and calamities;

26 (5) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
27 mayor on all other matters related to agriculture and aquaculture which will
28 improve the livelihood and living conditions of the inhabitants; and

1 (6) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
2 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
3 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
4 ordinance.

5 SEC. 48. *Other City Officials.* – In addition to the officials
6 enumerated above, the City of Meycauayan shall also have the following
7 officials with corresponding qualifications, duties, functions and
8 compensation:

9 (a) *The City Community Affairs Officer.* – (1) The city community
10 affairs officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of
11 Meycauayan, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree from a
12 recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or its
13 equivalent. He must have acquired experience in community affairs or any
14 related field for at least five years immediately preceding the date of his
15 appointment.

16 (2) He shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances
17 as may be determined by the sangguniang panlungsod.

18 (3) The city community affairs officer shall perform the following
19 duties and functions:

20 (i) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sanggunian and
21 provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor, as the case may be,
22 in the delivery of basic community services;

23 (ii) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
24 city mayor, as the case may be, implement the same, particularly those which
25 have to do with various community affairs and research data to support
26 community programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to
27 implement and which the sanggunian is empowered to provide for under the
28 Local Government Code;

1 (iii) Maintain effective liaison with the various sectors of the
2 community on matters and issues that affect the livelihood and the quality of
3 life of the inhabitants and encourage support on programs of the local and
4 national government;

5 (iv) Recommend to the sangguniang panlungsod and advise the city
6 mayor, as the case may be, in all meetings relative to socioeconomic
7 development of the local government unit;

8 (v) Monitor community activities/problems and prepare
9 recommendations to the city mayor, if necessary;

10 (vi) Attend to barangay problems which need immediate attention;

11 (vii) Coordinate with other agencies regarding solution to community
12 problems; and

13 (viii) Exercise such other powers and perform such other duties and
14 functions as may be prescribed by law or ordinance.

15 (b) *The City Education Officer.* – (1) The city education officer must
16 be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good
17 moral character, a holder of a college degree in education or any other related
18 course from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil service
19 eligible or its equivalent. He must have practiced his profession for at least
20 five years immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

21 (2) He shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances
22 as may be determined by the sangguniang panlungsod.

23 (3) The city education officer shall take charge of the office on
24 education, and shall:

25 (i) Formulate measures for the consideration of the sangguniang
26 panlungsod and provide technical assistance and support to the city mayor in
27 carrying out measures to ensure the delivery of basic services and the
28 provision of adequate facilities relative to education;

1 (ii) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the city
2 mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
3 education supportive of the welfare of the inhabitants of the City which the city
4 mayor is empowered to implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is
5 empowered to provide for under the Local Government Code;

6 (iii) Liaison with teachers and principals assigned in the City as well as
7 sit as additional member of the local school board of the City;

8 (iv) Study, evaluate and recommend the allocation of the Special
9 Education Fund (SEF); and

10 (v) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
11 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
12 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
13 ordinance.

14 (c) *The City Youth and Sports Development Officer.* – (1) The city
15 youth and sports development officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a
16 resident of the City of Meycauayan, of good moral character, a holder of a
17 college degree from a recognized college or university, and a first grade civil
18 service eligible or its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in sports
19 development or any related field for at least five years immediately preceding
20 the date of his appointment.

21 (2) He shall receive such compensation, emoluments and allowances
22 as may be determined by the sangguniang panlungsod.

23 (3) The city youth and sports development officer shall take charge of
24 the office on youth and sports development, and shall:

25 (i) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
26 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those which have to do with
27 youth and sports programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to

1 implement and which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide
2 for under the Local Government Code; and

3 (ii) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
4 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the
5 local Government Code of 1991, as prescribed by law or ordinance.

6 (d) *The City Public Employment Service Office (PESO) Officer.* – (1)
7 The City PESO officer must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the
8 City of Meycauayan, of good moral character, a holder of a college degree
9 from a regional college or university, and a first grade civil service eligible or
10 its equivalent. He must have acquired experience in public employment
11 service or in any related field for at least five years immediately preceding the
12 date of his appointment.

13 (2) He shall receive a full salary compensation, emoluments and
14 allowances as may be determined by the sangguniang panlungsod.

15 (3) He shall take charge of the office of public employment service
16 and shall have the following duties and functions:

17 (i) He shall ensure the prompt, timely and efficient delivery of
18 employment service and the provision of information on other programs of the
19 Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE);

20 (ii) He shall provide a venue where people could explore
21 simultaneously various employment options and actually seek assistance they
22 prefer;

23 (iii) He shall serve as referral and information center for the various
24 services and programs of the DOLE and other government agencies present in
25 the area;

26 (iv) He shall provide clients with adequate information on employment
27 and labor market situation in the area;

1 (v) He shall network with other PESO within the region on
2 employment for job exchange purposes;

3 (vi) He shall encourage employers to submit to the PESO on a regular
4 basis a list of job vacancies in their respective establishments in order to
5 facilitate the exchange of labor market information between job seekers and
6 employers by providing employment information services to job seekers, both
7 for local and overseas employment, and recruitment assistance to employers;

8 (vii) He shall provide employment or occupational counseling, career
9 guidance, mass motivation and values development activities; and

10 (viii) He shall undertake activities like job fairs, livelihood projects,
11 Special Program for the Employment of Students, WAP, etc.

12 (e) *The City Public Safety Officer.* – (1) The city public safety officer
13 must be a citizen of the Philippines, a resident of the City of Meycauayan, of
14 good moral character, a holder of a college degree from a recognized college
15 or university and a first grade civil service eligible or its equivalent. He must
16 have acquired experience in public safety management for at least five years
17 immediately preceding the date of his appointment.

18 (2) The city public safety officer shall receive such compensation,
19 emoluments and allowances as may be determined by law.

20 (3) The city public safety officer shall take charge of the office on
21 public safety, and shall:

22 (i) Develop plans and strategies and, upon approval thereof by the
23 city mayor, implement the same, particularly those relating to public safety
24 programs and projects which the city mayor is empowered to implement and
25 which the sangguniang panlungsod is empowered to provide for under the
26 Local Government Code; and

27 (ii) Perform such other duties and functions and exercise such other
28 powers as provided for under Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the

1 Local Government Code of 1991, and those that are prescribed by law or
2 ordinance.

3 ARTICLE VIII

THE CITY FIRE STATION SERVICE, THE CITY JAIL SERVICE,
THE CITY SCHOOL DIVISION AND THE CITY PROSECUTION SERVICE

4 SEC. 49. *The City Fire Station Service.* – (a) There shall be established
5 in the City at least one fire station with adequate personnel, fire fighting
6 facilities and equipment, subject to the standards, rules and regulations that
7 may be promulgated by the Department of the Interior and Local Government.
8 The City shall provide the necessary land or site of the station.

9 (b) The city fire station shall be responsible for the provision of
10 various emergency services such as rescue and evacuation of injured people at
11 fire-related incidents and, in general, fire prevention and suppression measures
12 to secure the safety of life and property of the citizenry.

13 SEC. 50. *The City Jail Service.* – (a) There shall be established and
14 maintained in the City a secured, clean, adequately equipped and sanitary jail
15 for the custody and safekeeping of prisoners, any fugitive from justice, or
16 person detained awaiting investigation or trial, and/or violent mentally ill
17 person who endangers himself or the safety of others, duly certified as such by
18 the proper medical health officer, pending the transfer to a mental institution.

19 (b) The city jail service shall be headed by a city jail warden who
20 must be a graduate of a four-year course in psychology, psychiatry, sociology,
21 nursing, social work or criminology who shall assist in the immediate
22 rehabilitation of individuals or detention of prisoners. Great care must be
23 exercised so that human rights of these prisoners are respected and protected,
24 and their spiritual and physical well-being are properly and promptly attended
25 to.

1 SEC. 51. *The City School Division.* -- (a) There shall be established and
2 maintained by the Department of Education (DepEd) a city school division of
3 the City of Meycauayan whose area of jurisdiction will cover all the school
4 districts within the City; and

5 (b) The city school division shall be headed by a division
6 superintendent who must possess the necessary qualifications required by the
7 DepEd.

8 SEC. 52. *The City Prosecution Service.* -- (a) There shall be established
9 in the City a prosecution service to be headed by a city prosecutor and such
10 number of assistant prosecutors, as may be necessary, who shall be
11 organizationally part of the Department of Justice (DOJ), and under the
12 supervision and control of the Secretary of Justice and whose qualifications,
13 manner of appointment, rank, salary and benefits shall be governed by existing
14 laws covering prosecutors in the DOJ.

15 (b) The city prosecutor shall handle the criminal prosecution in the
16 municipal trial courts in the City as well as in the regional trial courts for
17 criminal cases originating in the territory of the City, and shall render to or for
18 the City such services as are required by law, ordinance or regulation of the
19 DOJ.

20 (c) The Secretary of Justice shall always assure the adequacy and
21 quality of prosecution service in the City and for this purpose, shall, in the
22 absence or lack or insufficiency in number of city assistant prosecutors as
23 provided hereinabove, designate from among the assistant provincial
24 prosecutors a sufficient number to perform and discharge the functions of the
25 city prosecution service as provided hereinabove.

ARTICLE IX

TRANSITORY AND FINAL PROVISIONS

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2 SEC. 53. *Municipal Ordinances Existing at the Time of the Approval of*
3 *this Act.* – All municipal ordinances of the Municipality of Meycauayan
4 existing at the time of the approval of this Act shall continue to be in force
5 within the City of Meycauayan until the sangguniang panlungsod ordinance
6 shall provide otherwise.

7 SEC. 54. *Plebiscite.* – The City of Meycauayan shall acquire corporate
8 existence upon the ratification of its creation by a majority of the votes cast by
9 the qualified voters in a plebiscite to be conducted in the present Municipality
10 of Meycauayan within sixty (60) days from the approval of this Act. The
11 expenses for such plebiscite shall be borne by the Municipality of
12 Meycauayan. The Commission on Elections shall conduct and supervise such
13 plebiscite.

14 SEC. 55. *Officials of the City of Meycauayan.* – The present elective
15 officials of the Municipality of Meycauayan shall continue to exercise their
16 powers and functions until such time that a new election is held and the duly
17 elected officials shall have already qualified and assumed their offices. The
18 appointive officials and employees of the Municipality of Meycauayan shall
19 likewise continue exercising their functions and duties and they shall be
20 automatically absorbed by the City Government of Meycauayan.

21 SEC. 56. *Succession Clause.* – The City of Meycauayan shall succeed
22 to all the assets, properties, liabilities and obligations of the Municipality of
23 Meycauayan.

24 SEC. 57. *Election of Provincial Governor and Sangguniang*
25 *Panlalawigan Members of the Province of Bulacan.* – The qualified voters of
26 the City of Meycauayan shall qualify to vote and run for any elective position

1 in the elections for provincial governor, provincial vice governor, sangguniang
2 panlalawigan members and other elective offices for the Province of Bulacan.

3 SEC. 58. *Jurisdiction of the Province of Bulacan.* – The City of
4 Meycauayan shall, unless otherwise provided by law, continue to be under the
5 jurisdiction of the Province of Bulacan.

6 SEC. 59. *Suspension of Increase in Rates of Local Taxes.* – No
7 increase in the rates of local taxes shall be imposed by the City within the
8 period of five years from its acquisition of corporate existence.

9 SEC. 60. *Representative District.* – Until otherwise provided by law,
10 the City of Meycauayan shall continue to be a part of the Fourth Congressional
11 District of the Province of Bulacan.

12 SEC. 61. *Limitation.* – Within three years from the approval of this
13 Act, no new race track, jai-alai fronton, gambling casino or cockpit shall be
14 licensed or allowed to operate in the City.

15 SEC. 62. *Reservation.* – Nothing herein contained shall preclude the
16 determination by the appropriate agency or forum of boundary disputes or
17 cases involving questions of territorial jurisdiction between the City of
18 Meycauayan and any of the adjoining local government units even after the
19 effectivity of this Act.

20 SEC. 63. *Separability Clause.* – If, for any reason or reasons, any part
21 or provision of this Charter shall be held unconstitutional, invalid or
22 inconsistent with Republic Act No. 7160, otherwise known as the Local
23 Government Code of 1991, other parts or provisions hereof which are not
24 affected thereby shall continue to be in full force and effect. Moreover, in
25 cases where this Charter is silent or unclear, the pertinent provisions of the
26 Local Government Code shall govern, if so provided therein.

27 SEC. 64. *Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Approved,